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1. SUMMARY. THIS REPLIES TO QUESTIONS IN REF B REGARDING  
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN MADAGASCAR. END SUMMARY.

2. USDOC/MEPD SURVEY:

A. MADAGASCAR'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN, UNVEILED IN NOVEMBER  
1977, OUTLINES SEVERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS THAT WILL  
HOPEFULLY BE COMPLETED BY THE EARLY 1980'S. HOWEVER,  
FEW DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY PROJECTS (EXCEPT FOR  
ROAD PROJECT AND RAILWAYS II, SEE PARA 3) CONCERNING  
IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCING.

B. PORTS. CONSTRUCTION OF LONG-COURRIER AND COASTAL  
TRADE WHARFS, WAREHOUSES, AND EARTH PLATFORMS AT ANTSE-  
RANANA (DIEGO-SUAREZ), VOHEMAR (DIEGO-SUAREZ), ANKIFY (TULEAR),  
AND TAMATAVE (\$5.5 MILLION); PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR  
MAINTENANCE OF PORTS AND INSTALLATION OF RADIO-NAVIGA-  
TION AIDS ON CAP STE. MARIE (TAMATAVE) (\$5.3 MILLION);  
PURCHASE OF TWO FREIGHTERS, TWO COASTERS OF 3500 TONS,  
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THREE LCT OF 250 TONS, SIX COAST-GUARD MOTORBOATS  
(\$13.6 MILLION).

C. RIVER TRANSPORT. CONSTRUCTION OF LANDING AREAS  
(\$2.3 MILLION); PURCHASE OF DREDGERS, BEACONS, BORING  
PUMPS, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (\$ .6MILLION).

D. AVIATION. RUNWAY IMPROVEMENTS (CHIEFLY ASPHALTING) AT ANTALAHA (DIEGO SUAREZ), MORONDAVA (TULEAR), BESA-LAMPY (MAJUNGA), AND BELO-SUR-TSIRIBIHINA (TULEAR) AIRPORTS (\$4.5 MILLION); EXPANSION OF IVATO AND SAMBAVA (DIEGO-SUAREZ) AIRPORTS, CONSTRUCTION OF TERMINALS AT ANTALAHA, MAROANTSETRA (TAMATAVE), STE. MARIE (TAMATAVE), MOROMBE (TULEAR), MAINTIRANO (MAJUNGA) (\$4.3 MILLION); PURCHASE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT (VHF 50 W AND 10 W) FOR SEVERAL AIRPORTS (\$1.6 MILLION), ELECTRIC LIGHTING FOR SEVERAL AIRPORTS (\$2.3 MILLION); METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT FOR SEVERAL AIRPORTS (\$.4 MILLION); CONSTRUCTION OF CONTROL TOWERS AT MANANJARY (FIANARANTSOA) AND TALANARO (FRT DAUPHIN) AIRPORTS (\$4.3 MILLION, PART OF WHICH HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE 1977 BUDGET). IN 1981, AIR MADAGASCAR MAY PURCHASE ONE OR TWO MORE PLANES, PERHAPS BOEING 737 OR CANADIAN DASH-7.

3. IBRD RAILWAYS II. AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY BE SIGNED IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. WILL INCLUDE TRACK REALIGNING AND PURCHASE OF: SIGNALING AND SWITCHING EQUIPMENT, LOCOMOTIVES, CONTAINER CRANE FOR TERMINAL AT ANTANANARIVO. THERE WILL BE INTERNATIONAL BIDDING FOR THESE, PROBABLY SHORTLY AFTER SIGNING OF AGREEMENT. BARRETT

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